THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) 52 persons lost their lives and 314 received injuries as a result of derailment of 6602 Mangalore-Madras Mail on the Kadalundi Bridge in Palghat Division of Southern Railway. In this accident, 10 coaches got derailed out of which 5 coaches fell in the river.

(c) to (e) The Report of Garg Commission appointed under the Chairmanship of Justice G.C. Garg to inquire into the cause of Khanna accident is still awaited. Judicial Commission headed by Justice S. Saghir Ahmad, retired Judge of Supreme Court of India to inquire into the cause of Sadhugarh accident has started the process of enquiry. The Commissions have been requested to complete the work at the earliest.

Corruption cases in Railway Board

750. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2370, given in the Rajya Sabha on 16 March, 2001 and state:

(a) whether the said member of transportation staff of Delhi Division working as OSD since 1992 has been promoted as Gazetted Officer (OSD) against the rules, without passing promotional course; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether he has also been allowed to retain the Railway quarter against the rules?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) The post of OSD (Ticket Checking) is an ex-cadre post and the said member of the transportation staff of Delhi Division of Northern Railway was appointed against this Group 'B' post on *ad hoc* basis as he fulfilled the eligibility conditions and was considered suitable for such an appointment. There is not promotional course prescribed for appointment against this post.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.